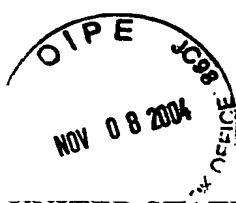


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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hiromi OKUBO, et al.

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FOR: IMAGE PROCESSING BASED ON DEGREE OF WHITE-BACKGROUND LIKELINESS

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

It is hereby requested that a **two** month extension of time be granted to November 8, 2004 for

- ☐ filing a response to the Official Action dated:
- ☐ responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated:
- ☐ filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due has been timely filed.
- ☐ responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated:
- ☐ filing a Notice of Appeal. A timely response to the final rejection, due has been filed.
- ☐ filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on:
- ☒ filing a **Request for Continued Examination**. A response to the final rejection, due September 8, 2004, has been filed.

The required fee of \$430.00 is enclosed herewith by credit card payment and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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